

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

JudicialIssued On:11/4/14Order Number:2014-2Issued by:Judge Scott E. Kurth



IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF DESOTO, DALLAS COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

STANDING ORDER PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF DEFENDANTS HELD ON TRAFFIC/CLASS C MISDEMEANOR FINE-ONLY OFFENSES UNTIL THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE WARNINGS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 15.17 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

The Court finds that Article 15.17 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure ("C.C.P.") requires that ALL persons arrested for fine-only offenses including but not limited to traffic and/or Class C Misdemeanor offenses shall be brought before a magistrate of the county in which the person was arrested within 48 hours for the purpose of receiving the warnings set forth in Article 15.17 C.C.P.

The Court further finds that no defendant should be released from custody from the Tri-City Jail at 714 E. Beltline Road, DeSoto, Texas 75115, for any fine-only offense (e.g. traffic offense based upon the Texas Transportation Code or a Class C Misdemeanor) until the defendant has been given the warnings prescribed by Article 15.17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by a magistrate of Dallas County, Texas.

The Court further finds that a bond seeking the release of a defendant shall not be approved nor the defendant released from custody until the defendant has received the warnings required by Article 15.17 C.C.P. from a magistrate of Dallas County, Texas.

Therefore, **IT IS ORDERED** that no defendant detained in the Tri-City Jail at 714 E. Beltline Road, DeSoto, Texas 75115, shall be released from custody for any fine-only offense (e.g. traffic offense based upon the Texas Transportation Code or a Class C Misdemeanor) until the defendant has been given the warnings prescribed by Article 15.17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by a magistrate of Dallas County, Texas.

Further, IT IS ORDERED that bonds presented by licensed Texas attorneys and bonding companies to the Tri-City Jail at 714 E. Beltline Road, DeSoto, Texas 75115, or at the DeSoto Municipal Court shall not be approved by the detention officers of the Tri-City Jail nor shall the defendant be released prior to receiving the warnings prescribed by Article 15.17 C.C.P from a magistrate of Dallas County, Texas.

IT IS ORDERED that the bonds may be filed with the Tri-City Jail to secure the release of a defendant prior to the defendant receiving the warnings prescribed by Article 15.17 C.C.P., but in no event shall the bonds be approved nor shall the detention officers of the Tri-City Jail release a defendant pursuant to bonds until after the defendant has received the warnings set forth in 15.17 C.C.P. from a magistrate of Dallas County, Texas.

IT IS ORDERED that no bonds shall be accepted by the detention officers of the Tri-City Jail on cases where the defendant was arrested pursuant to a capias pro fine warrant.

SIGNED this the 4th day of November 2014.

SCOTT E. KURTH
Presiding Municipal Court Judge